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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well soon our cold winter months will be over and Easter is on its way. After that the days will go very fast and the A.N.A. Convention will be upon us before we know it. For me that day can't come too soon as I am looking forward so I can relax a little myself. My health is getting the best of me and I'm tired of rushing all the time. I want some free time for myself so I can do as I please. With the election coming up this will relieve us of everything and all I can say is thank God. I know I'm not that good, but I did my best. This year has been a very rough year for me with all my health problems.

The July issue of the TEC NEWS will have to be in the mail earlier because of the ballots that will be mailed out with this issue. I will do my best to get it done, but I have only one life and I want to keep it. If I can't get the TEC NEWS out, then we hope we can find the time to mail the ballots out separately. I will do my best, but I'm just too tired to keep on rushing as I've been doing. Here it is early February and we are rushing to get the TEC NEWS for the printer. Then when we get the pages home, there's still lots of work to do. Wish I could snap my fingers and the pages would fly together, but folks that's only a dream.

Most all our other work is slowly getting done. I sent in for a date for the TEC meeting and a room for the Board meeting. Now it's up to the A.N.A.

Those who paid their 1979 dues will receive their membership card and coin with this issue. In case our letters cross and your dues get here after the TEC NEWS is in the mail, your card and coin will be sent to you in a separate envelope. As of this date February 10th I don't have the membership coins yet. They will be here before mailing time. If you read your TEC NEWS, it was stated that the membership cards and coins would be sent after the coins are made and mailed with the April issue.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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This has been done this way for the past few years to save on a lot of extra postage. As its cheaper 3rd class than 1st class.

If any of the rollers out there care to donate any elongated coins for door prizes for our TEC meeting, please get in touch with me. Every little bit helps and the members are a little bit happier to go away with a free gift.

Bill Henderson, Chairman of getting the TEC show case in the name of "The Elongated Collectors" at the A.N.A. Museum said, it is ready for us. The treasurer will send in the \$500. donation for this and the check will be sent to Bill Henderson to be given to the ANA, on behalf of "The Elongated Collectors". Anyone wishing to donate elongated coins to the A.N.A. Museum, should put the coins in holders. Please send only the best coins you care to donate. The curator, Ken Hallenbeck will change the exhibit show case from time to time. Remember no elongated coins will be returned, so if sending elongated coins, only send the coins you will donate to the A.N.A. Museum for the TEC show case. This will be appreciated by the ANA, and by myself as my dream will have come true. Please do-not send the coins to me. The address as to where to send the coins is on another page.

I want to thank all who sent in articles for the TEC NEWS. With out their help there would be no TEC NEWS. My faithful ones are always the first to send in an article. This is appreciated by me.

My health is a big problem lately and I must take care of my health first. Its a little hard to do and trying to get TEC NEWS out on time too. So folks remember, I can't jump and keep up the fast pace that I once was doing. That old heart keeps warning me to slow down and this I'm trying to do.

Nominations for officers have been coming in. Anyone else that wants to nominate anyone for a certain job please do so at once. A person must decline, or accept the nomination to be on the ballot. So please let the secretary know if you accept or not.

The date of the A.N.A. Convention has been moved again, so be sure to check the Coin World for more details. As even now I don't know for sure when the convention will start. More information on this in the next issue.

Well folks its below zero weather here now, the car won't start, my ulcer is bleeding, but who really cares as the TEC NEWS must get out. So instead of feeling sorry I'll keep busy and get that TEC NEWS in the mail as soon as I can.

Happy Easter, Happy Mothers Day and oh yes, lets not forget, Happy Fathers Day too. God Bless you all.

Sally Kirka, TEC president

If you have a good article about elongated coins why not sit down and write that article you have been meaning to write all these months. We all appreciate hearing your story. If you can't make the deadline it will go into the following issue. If you have a good elongated coin, lets hear about it, maybe it has a good story to go with it. Maybe you were one of the lucky ones to have gone to the early Fairs and have one that no one else has. Write and tell us how you got interested in elongated coins. There's lots to learn about the elongated coins, so don't keep the stories to yourself. The deadline for the next issue is May 12th, so send in that article as soon as you can and let me take it easy too. Thank you.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

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Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!

ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - May 10th

Articles - May 12th

FROM FLORIDA AT HOLIDAY TIME

by Ed Black TEC #359
Lakeland, Florida

As a transplanted New Jerseyite in Florida, I was reminded of the snow and invigorating weather we always had at the holiday time in good old New Jersey. Certainly the weather is great here. It is nice and warm but somehow it is just not the same holiday feeling.

I got started on collecting elongated coins in 1966 and had Dottie Dow make our 2nd anniversary elongated coin in 1967 for the January 1, 1968 date. That was for the Northern Valley Coin Club that I helped start in Demarest, N.J. Since then NVCC has had quite a few elongated coins made for various occasions.

I was also reminded of the great amount of time and effort Sally Kirka has given to our hobby. As a numismatist since 1936 I have branched out into too many areas of collecting, I believe.

When one considers the diversity of numismatics such as the regular collecting of US Coins, US paper money, early Greek and Roman coins, later foreign coins and paper money, tokens and medals, Military decorations, PNC's and Political Items, and then realize that each of these areas can again be broken down in quite a few categories, one realizes that one should try to specialize.

Elongated COIN COLLECTING under Sally Kirka and her able assistants has been a specialized hobby for an increasing number of happy people. She has accomplished a great deal in the advancement of the hobby. I am glad to be one of that happy group.

Either while being an exhibitor, a judge or as an ANA District Representative I have been lucky enough to attend all of the ANA Conventions since 1961. I have watched and talked to Sally at a great many of these conventions. She has a place of her own and has always managed to get along with the ANA establishment that dominate the ANA. We all love her and will always remember seeing her at these affairs.

I have finally bound and put together the pages of a Dottie Dow book that I acquired from her in Atlanta in 1977. I am looking forward to the new book by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow.

I see that quite a few of the original members of the Northern Valley Coin Club are TEC enthusiasts. Bob Dadson, John and Barbara Izzo who are still there and Vera and Louis Wejnert who have moved down here, I sincerely hope I can get a few members from here in Lakeland. We had our second anniversary celebration with an elongated coin made for us.

My wife and I are getting ready for the FUN show in Miami and expect to see some elongated coin exhibits there. Although a little late, I would like to wish all the TEC members Happy Holidays and a very Lucky New Year. Hope to see many of you in St. Louis.

NOTICE!

Chester Rogers of P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438 is the Chairperson for the Best Coin rolled in 1978. Any roller wishing to send in coins for this please send them to Chester Rogers as this will be appreciated by him. There were many nice elongated coins made last year, why not give it a try.

THE ASTRODOME

by Irving R. Canter TEC #753
Brooklyn, New York

An Idea for thought, projected at the many engravers and rollers of TEC. An elongated coin commemorating the Astrodome.

It was an innovation in the architecture of sports arenas, and its exceptional in its own way as are the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, and the Washington Monument in theirs. I am referring to the central structure of the Harris County Sports Stadium Complex. Located between Kirby and Fannin Drives, north of the south loop freeway. It has a diameter of 710 feet, a roof with a clear span of 642 feet, it is 25 feet below normal ground level and 208 feet above the playing field. It has varied seating capacities of 45,000 for Baseball, 52,000 for Football, 60,000 for conventions and is completely air conditioned.

The steel skeleton supports a roof containing 4596 skylights made of transparent plastic. An extraordinary feature of the stadium is the scoreboard, which is adaptable to all spectator sports. It is 474 feet long, four stories high and can give a great amount of detailed information. Other facilities in the stadium area are planned to provide accommodations for conventions, conferences, exhibits and dining, together with an extensive parking area for 30,000 cars. The Astrodome was opened April 1, 1965. It was built with the support of Houston citizens. A county bond issue and other monies were raised by the Houston Sports Association, the driving force was Roy Hofhienz, one time mayor of Houston and former judge of the Harris County Court. Hofhienz controls the Houston Sports Association, which in turn controls the Astrodome and the Houston baseball team of the National League.

Many innovations reflect the enthusiastic showmanship of Hofhienz who a few years ago realized a boyish ambition by acquiring a one third interest in Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. Examples of his ingenuity are: luxurious boxes, with equipment for partying occupy the upper tier, six stories above the playing field, and rent for more than \$15,000 per year.

The Astrodome stands in the center of 406 acres, 116 of which hold the Astroworld, a Disney type amusement area opened by Hofhienz in June of 1968. 12 acres are used by the Astrehall as an exhibition center. The Colt stadium, seating 32,000 is at present in use.

Motor Hotels, built at a cost of \$16 million, account for 1500 rooms. Baseball and Football account for the majority of its income. Among those appearing here are; University of Houston, the Houston Oilers, the annual Livestock Show, the Rodeo, the indoor Motorcycle and Polo Championships contests, the Ringling Brothers Circus and numerous similiar sports. I would say, a visit to this great complex, should be a "must" if you are ever in this neck of the woods. Come on Texas Roller!!!

COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin each TEC member receives with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Richard Townsend of Rochester, New York. This is Richard's "Smiles Pay Dividends, Start Collecting" elongated coin, which pictures a "Hobo" saying "I Made Mine In Elongateds." We wish to thank Richard for this donation.

THE 1979 TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka

As of this writing near the deadline of the TEC NEWS, I still didn't receive the 1979 TEC NEWS coins, but Lloyd Wagaman has assured me the coins will be ready any day now. He will send the coins to me as soon as he can. Once I receive them I will mail out the coins to those that have an article in the January and April issue of TEC NEWS. The names for the January issue are listed below and the ones for the April issue will be listed in the July TEC NEWS. This is impossible to do now.

Thanks again to my faithful members who keep sending articles for the TEC NEWS. This is appreciated by all. The S.O.S. that I send out for articles is a plea for articles to those that say they will, but never seem to have the time. So I keep hoping I catch them when they have the time.

Lloyd E. Wagaman again has donated the TEC NEWS coins to be given out for all articles used in the TEC NEWS. You can send as many articles as you want to and you'll receive one of these free coins. That was the main idea of this elongated coin, it was to get more members to send in articles. Only those that send in an article of 250 words or more will receive this serial numbered coin.

No article will be returned. Articles will be rejected if aimed to hurt anyone in any way and I'll stick to that policy. So be kind and just write about elongated coins and keep us all happy. After all no one is perfect. If you want better articles, why not sit down and write us that article you have been meaning to write. You can bet it will be appreciated by me.

Below is the list of names that have earned the TEC NEWS coins for articles in the January 1979 issue of the TEC NEWS.

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SECTION 331, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE: Prohibits among other things the fraudulent alteration and mutilation of United States and foreign coins. This statute does not prohibit the mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or if the mutilated coins are not used fraudulently.

IKO-TAMS CHARTER MEMBERSHIP ELONGATED COIN

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana**Charter
Membership
Elongated**

The IKO-TAMS is a newly formed organization for the benefit and pleasure of all exonumists in the Tri-State-Area of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Exonumists from all states are most welcome to join the membership, but our prime concern was a Token & Medal Society for those in our own area. The officers are a good group who will work toward bringing greater pleasure to the membership through the knowledge and fellowship offered by the Society.

Through the joint effort of Richard Seipelt, President and Lloyd Wagaman, Bulletin editor and Sgt. at Arms, a charter member elongated coin has been rolled out and distributed to all charter members. The charter was closed December 31, 1978 with 95 regular members and 10 associate members. All charter member elongated coins are serial numbered and each charter member received their own membership number on their elongated coin. One piece was rolled and marked -ARCHIVES- in place of a serial number and has been issued to the IKO-TAMS Archives. Total amount rolled was 106 pieces and the die has been cancelled. No more can be rolled. The cancelled die has also been presented to the Archives.

IKO-TAMS is fortunate to have at least 24 members that are also members of TEC. We welcome each of you with open arms and will try to make our affiliation with you as pleasant and rewarding that you will be eager to renew your membership in 1980.

Our membership dues are \$5.00 per year, single membership, or \$7.00 for husband and wife with one being a regular member and the other being an associate member. Both regular and associate members enjoying full membership privileges with each having full voting rights. The one difference is that the quarterly Bulletin is mailed to the regular member and is to be shared with his associate member. The greater share of your dues is used to produce and mail the four Bulletins per year.

For further information on membership and applications, you may write to- IKO-TAMS, P.O. Box 377, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Rita Stankiewicz is on the sick list for awhile as she fell on some ice and now has her arm in a cast. This will keep her out of work for a few weeks. Although we are sorry this happened, we hope you can take the advantage of sleeping late in the mornings for awhile.

Jack Wilcox has had a bad case of the flu lately and has been in bed for a few days. For Jack this is something, as it is his first day off in years for him. For a mailman that's saying something. Glad to hear you are feeling better.

Steve Penzes also is on the sick list and is still not able to go back to work after two months being out. A speedy recovery to you all and to any other TEC member who is out sick. God Bless You All.

TALE OF NUMBER 222

by Virginia S. Aldridge TEC #222
Colonial Heights, Va.

In the mid-sixties I read about a lady who was very excited about something called elongated coins and her name was Dottie Dow. She was going to start a club and needed members to join. There was no stopping this lady and her enthusiasm was very contagious. So I wrote her sending my first dues and told her I am an avid poker player and would like the membership number of 22. With two deuces in poker you can't go wrong...oh yeah...famous last words. Anyhow, she wrote back that number 22 was taken and offered 222. So that is the story of my TEC number and I proudly displayed it on my license plate along with my initials using my nickname, Ginnie. Thus my plate is GSA 22. In the State of Virginia we are not allowed to use a combination of three letters with three numbers, so I had to shorten the number and am very happy with it.

At that time I was a working mother with three children and had too little time or money to spend on elongated coins, so I let many good elongated coins get by me. I do have Dottie's Canadian set along with others of hers and am very proud of them all. As so many collectors do, I started with a Lord's Prayer given to me by my father. Fortunately, I acquired quite a few House of Elongateds, elongated coins, before they went out of business. I enjoyed Lee Martin's article in the July, August, September 1978 issue of the TEC NEWS, giving us the history of that business in such a concise manner.

I comb the Flea Markets around my home and on trips, but the elongated coins are not that plentiful. My best source is directly from the rollers of elongated coins. I have made many friends over the years via the US Postal Service. Having never attended the annual TEC convention meetings, I have not met any of these friends, which is my loss. I receive beautiful letters and quite a few gifts and one of these days I hope to thank them in person. Until then, you all out there know who you are and I want to say to all thank you, thank you, thank you.

I wait everyday for the arrival of the mailman, who usually will bring me some goodies. I happily examine them, am never disappointed and start a new order to someone. Another day of joy and another one coming up. As a Charter Member, I want to express my appreciation to all officers and members of our TEC Club for having enriched my life and provided me with a marvelously interesting hobby over the years.

THE JOY OF BEING AN EDITOR

Getting out this little paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other sources, we are too lazy to write for ourselves. If we don't we are fond of our own stuff.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the paper is full of junk.

If we make a change in the other persons writing, then we are too critical. If we don't, we are asleep.

Now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other publication. Well we sure did. (Reprinted from the California Hawaii Elk.)

ELONGATED COINS HAVE A HOME AT LAST

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

The first of February brought some wonderful news from Bill Henderson who was the chairman to check into having our own display case at the American Numismatic Association Museum. We have been thinking about this for about three years. I first brought this up at the A.N.A. Convention in New York City in 1976. It was also voted on and passed by the members to donate \$500.00 for this display case.

This was always a dream I had to have a display case where only all our elongated coins could be shown, so everyone could view them. The A.N.A. Museum is at Colorado Springs, Colorado. A few things had to be worked out first. In Houston I asked Bill Henderson to check into this as we had the money ready, and we were looking forward to having our own TEC show case in the name of "The Elongated Collectors".

God Bless Bill for doing a good job for us as now we have that display case for all to see the elongated coins. Thank you very much Bill as we all appreciate your help with this. It seems Ed Rochette executive director of ANA and his assistant Ken Hallenbeck have both worked out an Introduction to Numismatics exhibit area and this has now become a reality. Bill also said he has discussed this idea with Ed Rochette many times. He is just as pleased as I am over this. Now as you go visit the A.N.A. Museum you won't only see all those expensive high priced coins and paper money. This could quickly discourage many people. So now they can see exhibits of elongated coins, tokens, medals, wooden money etc., at relatively moderate low prices and could interest many of the visitors to get more interested in other hobbies of numismatic interest, instead of all the high priced material. The elongated coins will be in our own show case.

Now I'm asking all TEC members who care to donate elongated coins to the A.N.A. Museum, to please do so. They will change the displays from time to time. Do not send junk or the kind you don't want in your collection. Send only the good things so people will like to look at our elongated coins. This must be a donation as the elongated coins will not be returned and must be sent to the A.N.A. Museum. Don't forget to send in your Christmas coins so a nice exhibit can be made for the fall season. Anything to do with elongated coins may be sent in. Remember this has to be a donation as the coins will not be returned. I'm sure everyone will receive a letter that their elongated coins were received. I already have sent some things for this display case.

The address to send your donated elongated coins to is, A.N.A. Museum Curator, c/o Mr. Ken Hallenbeck, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

We are especially looking for those early elongated coins. So if you have an extra one and would like to donate it to the A.N.A. Museum TEC show case, please do so. I know that I for one hope to take a trip out there one of these days to see that show case of "The Elongated Collector" and see my dream come true.

Yes, our elongated coins have found a home at last at the ANA Museum at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Just think you may go there someday too and point and say, "I donated that elongated coin". Now the elongated coins can be seen by everyone and maybe we can get a few new collectors from this. So enjoy this hobby as much as I do. Happy collecting to all.

Have an article about elongated coins? Then send it in!

SHIPS...LONG AGO AND TODAY

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

The first boats were dug out of tree trunks by American Indians. Other boats were made of bark and tree branches. From this meager beginning came the sailing ships, schooners, passenger liners, cargo carriers, cruise liners, destroyers and aircraft carriers.

One of the early ships from other lands was called the Viking and used by Egyptian Pharoas along with sailing ships. Next came the era of clipper powered ships. These were powered by steam. Later came the paddle wheelers, iron clads, dreadnaughts and these were driven by turbines. Nuclear submarines, passenger ships and specialist cargo ships were beginning to be used.

Everyone has heard of the sinking of the "Titanic" in 1912. She was struck by an iceberg. She had the tonnage of 46,329 and service speed over 21 knots. On Sunday April 14, she hit a huge iceberg and before any ships could come to her aid 1,494 passengers and crew were drowned.

The passenger ship, "Queen Mary," is truly the Queen of all pleasure ships. She does not sail the seas anymore but is a tourist attraction anchored off the shores in California. Many visited this grand ship when they came to the ANA convention in 1975.

In Texas City, Texas, "container" ships are loaded and unloaded. Whole box cars of merchandise is put aboard these ships. This saves a lot of handling and make shipping costs less. There is less breakage too.

In my elongated coin collection I have some beautiful coins showing the schooners of 1775, rolled by Chester Rogers. Another is the sinking of the U.S.S. Chicago in 1968 by the Japanese. This coin was rolled by Lloyd E. Wagaman.

Another retired ship that has a famous history is the U.S.S. Ling 297. She is anchored in Hackensack, New Jersey and is a tourist attraction. This elongated was rolled for Jack Wilcox. Some of these can still be had for \$1.00 plus SASE.

A NEW LORD'S PRAYER

by Richard J. Sharon Jr. TEC #751
Warren, Michigan

George Wanzug, TEC #441, has recently rolled a new version of the Lords Prayer elongated coin. As far as George knows, this popular elongated theme has over fifty different versions, not including the Latin varieties.

This new version of the Lords Prayer elongated coin made its debut during the annual fall coin show of the Warren Coin Club, in Warren, Michigan, on October 8, 1978. During the show, Mr. Wanzug displayed various TEC memorabilia, badges and old issues of elongated coins. He also answered many questions curious people had about elongated collecting and sold many of his new elongated cents.

The new issue was rolled on Lincoln cents found in circulation. The design shows the Lords Prayer, in English, in capital letters, using twenty lines. "V.P." is at the top of the elongated coin. This stands for "Village Press", George's mint mark. Also at the top of the coin is a small cross. George knows of only one other issue of the Lords Prayer elongated coin that has a cross on it.

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A NEW LORD'S PRAYER

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Although the issue is still open, only 200 pieces have been rolled out. If needed, more will be rolled, but the total mintage will never exceed 500. George wants it this way, because all other Lords Prayer elongated coins were rolled in large quantities and he thinks it is time for a scarcer issue to be made. After all, the Lords Prayer elongated coin is the largest single type of elongated coin made since the Columbian Exposition way back in 1893 and probably the most heavily collected!

A few of these Lords Prayer coins were rolled on Mercury dimes, but these were only given out to close friends, and are strictly not for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing this new version of the Lords Prayer elongated cent, (penny) should send a SASE, plus 50¢ for each cent you order. The address to where to send for this coin is, "Lords Prayer Elongated Cent", P.O. Box 772, Warren, Mich. 48090. Don't wait too long before ordering this elongated coin as they are selling fast.

CHINESE ASTROLOGY

by Chester Rogers TEC #515
Leachville, Ark.

The Chinese believe that your character and your future were determined by the year of your birth. Whether you believe it or not, here is an intriguing way to analyze yourself and your friends.

1969 - The Year Of The Rooster - 1969

The Rooster is the sort of dandy who seems more outrageous and outspoken than he is. Because underneath it all the Rooster is truly conservative. Rooster lives are packed with ups and downs. Just when things look rosier, the rooster fate may be preparing itself for a giant dip. Yet nobody is more resourceful than the Rooster, who can always pick himself up and begin again with other people and challenges. Roosters are often multitiered and capable of pursuing more than one type of career. They are adventurous and usually love travel, movement and spectacle. Bureaucracies and rules bog down the Rooster.

In marriage Rooster people are well advised to choose partners among Oxen. Both subjects are conservative and family oriented. Snakes are intellectually suited to live with the Rooster. However, if the Rooster is unlucky in business from time to time, the spendthrift Snake may have trouble adjusting. Dragons and Dogs can find happiness with the Rooster partners, as can people born in Rat years. Cats find the Rooster a bit boastful for their taste. Most importantly, Rooster should never try to make a home with other Roosters. The results would be disturbing to say the least.

Chinese Astrology is a series of 12 different elongateds and rolled on pennies, starting in 1969 to 1979. Each rolled on the year of that year's Animal. I haven't finished all of them yet and when I do will place a paid ad in the TEC news-letter.

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS MAY 10th - ARTICLES MAY 12th

NOTES OF INTEREST

Ray Wagner Jr., P.O. Box 3417, York, Pa. 17402 made a very nice elongated coin for the 1978 York Inter-State Fair. He had some of the souvenir cards cancelled with the elongated coin on them. He has no more cancelled cards for sale, but he has the souvenir card with an envelope for sale for 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. The elongated coin is 75¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. Remember the souvenir fair card is not cancelled, but it is a nice souvenir card to have from the oldest fair in the United States. If you buy the elongated coin you could add the elongated coin to the card yourself.

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Lloyd E. Wagaman received a nice letter of appreciation from the A.N.A. after he donated one of his cancelled dies and two elongated coins to the A.N.A. Archives. The cancelled die that Lloyd E. Wagaman donated was, Texas #4 - Souvenir of Houston, Texas, 1978. Mr. Wagaman received the letter of thanks from Kenneth L. Hallenbeck curator of the museum at the American Numismatic Association. A special thank you goes to you from your TEC president also, as it will be nice to see some of the talent of our TEC members at the A.N.A. museum.

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It also should be noted that the \$19.00 made by the TEC president, Sally Kirka, selling her elongated coin at the TEC meeting was donated also to the A.N.A. in "The Elongated Collectors" name. This was acknowledged by Ed Rochette and it was also in the A.N.A. Numismatist that this was done.

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Received a Christmas elongated coin from Chester Rogers. So for those collecting, this is another Christmas elongated coin for your collection. For more information on this elongated coin, please write to him. Don't forget the stamped self-addressed envelope when you write anyone for more information on their elongated coins.

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Barbara Izzo had a nice Christmas elongated coin too. So did Lloyd E. Wagaman and Jack Wilcox. You should add Elmer Anderson on that Christmas list as he had a nice Christmas elongated coin too. Anyone else that has Christmas elongated coins and is selling them, please let me know so I can let the TEC members know. There are many TEC members out there that are collectors of these coins and try to buy all the Christmas elongated coins out. Let us help you sell them.

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A special thank you to all our friends who have sent us a Christmas card. This year it was impossible to send out any cards, as we just didn't have the time. It was nice that so many remembered us and your cards were very much appreciated.

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Michael R. Pender, 148 Poplar St., Garden City, New York 11530, has a very nice elongated coin of Charles A. Lindbergh, Golden Jubilee. It has a picture of him in the center with a lot of wording of his first solo Trans-Atlantic Flight. A set of four different coins sell for only \$4.00 and this is a very good buy.

One idea anyone can do is buy some of those nice "first day covers" they had made special for Lindbergh. Then you can add this Lindbergh elongated coin to this and you will then have a nice cover. You can buy some of these covers at any stamp, or most coin shows. Check the dealers who sell stamps.

NOTES OF INTEREST

If a dealer has a price list of his coins they are selling let me know so we can let the members know. Some of the members are asking where they can buy some good elongated coins. So if you sell by mail and have a price list of what you would like to sell, let us list your name in the TEC NEWS. This will help to sell your coins.

I know that Doug Fairbanks has a large price list of all kinds of elongated coins and if you did not receive one yet, why not write to him and ask for one. Don't forget that S.A.S.E. when writing to him. He did not tell me to put this in TEC NEWS, but I received one and it was very good. You can buy just about any coin you need. His address is Doug F. Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, New York 13078. The others who may have a price list are Lloyd E. Wagaman, Rt #1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113, Angelo A. Rosato, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776, Frank E. Brazzell, 53 South 20th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47803.

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Allan Kaplan, 3895 N.W. 5th Street, Miami, Florida 33126, sent me a beautiful designed coin that the Miami Coin Club of Florida put out for their 30th anniversary since the club was founded. It has a nice scene of a palm tree and a treasure chest of coins on Miami Beach. This makes a collectors item for anyones collection. There are only a limited amount of these coins left so don't be late sending for this elongated coin.

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Many members have been asking me where they can buy the white 2x2 cardboard holders for their elongated coins. Right now I have no idea other than writing to Elmer Anderson, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island 02886. Please send him a S.A.S.E. when asking for this as I don't even know if he sells these anymore. If anyone knows of anyone else selling these holders let me know and I will put their name in the TEC NEWS, as the members need holders badly.

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I received reports that A.A. Rosato had a good bargain in his ad in the 1979 January TEC NEWS, so if you haven't sent for an order, you're really missing something. See January issue last page for his ad and buy yourself some very interesting and beautiful elongated coins.

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If you haven't ordered your Lords Prayer elongated coin from George Wanzug, do it now. Although the prayer is the same, this is a different variety and is a must for the Lord's Prayer collector. It's resonably priced at 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. See his ad on another page in this issue.

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Remember that Dottie Dow also has a new price list on her coins for sale. Anyone wishing this list please write to Dottie Dow, 3105 East Osborn, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. Don't forget your S.A.S.E.

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A special thank you was received from the Kent Coin Club in Maryland to Sally Kirka on donating coins to their December meeting. We are hoping to get a few new members out of this. If not we hope they all enjoyed their coin.

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Have a good article? Why not send it in as soon as you can.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL INFORMATION

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Here is some information about some hotels in St. Louis near the convention site as sent to me.

The Riverfront Holiday Inn is on Fourth Street between Pine Street and Chestnut Streets. It is a converted hotel, from apartments to Holiday Inn. In fact the north towers are still expensive apartments. The rooms are large with some with kitchens etc. The Inn is about 20 stories high. It is about four blocks away. For information write to the Riverfront Holiday Inn, Fourth St., between Pine and Chestnut Streets, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

The Stouffers Riverfront Towers set on two square blocks. To the west across the street is a garage used for stadium parking. The Stouffer Towers connects to this by underground passageway. On the other street west of garage is the Busch Memorial Stadium. The Cardinals will be out of town playing baseball somewhere else that week. So sad news for the baseball fans. If you come in earlier than convention you may still be able to see the Atlanta Braves play.

The Mayfair Hotel is located on 8th Street between St. Charles and Locust Streets, only two blocks from the convention center. It recently reopened. It was built about 1930 and is an excellent hotel. The food is out of this world in the HofBrau. They say the rooms have been redone over and I'd recommend this hotel. You can walk to the Bourse Show from this hotel. For information, write the Mayfair Hotel, 8th Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

Across the street from the Mayfair hotel is a back door entrance to Pope Cafeteria, which has excellent and inexpensive food. You stand in line and pick what you want. Lot of St. Louis people eat there.

Also at 11th and Locust Street is the famous Miss Mullings Cafeteria. Excellent for eating. Miss Mullings Cafeteria also has another place to eat at 8th and Locust St. Both places are within two or three blocks from the Mayfair Hotel.

The Gateway Hotel (formerly Statler) is similiar to the Mayfair Hotel and is across the street from the Mayfair on 9th and Washington Street. Across the street from the Gateway Hotel is the Lennox Hotel. Has been redecorated lately and its address is also 9th St. and Washington St.

The Bel Air East Hotel is on 4th and Washington St., and is only four blocks from the convention center. Its as expensive as the Stouffers Towers Hotel. Located downstairs is the Traders Vic restaurant with delicious food and expensive.

When we say convention center, it's near where the Bourse will be held.

The Downtowner Motel at 12th & Washington St., has lots of parking around it. It has about three or four floors. Convention center is only four blocks away. This is a good place for those who will drive down.

The Warwick Hotel & Motel is on 15th and Locust Street and is about ten blocks away. Its much cheaper and the motel is nice. The Parking is below the motel. If you stay here ask for the newer motel section as the hotel part is around 50 years old.

The Y.M.C.A. for men only is on 16th and Locust Streets for those that care to stay there.

There is a Holiday Inn downtown and its on 21 or 22nd and Market Street. Across the street is the Rodeway Inn. It may not be expensive, but you have to drive or ride back and forth. To far to walk.

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ST. LOUIS HOTEL INFORMATION

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Two blocks from the Stouffers Towers on Market and 4th street is the Breckridge Hotel. This hotel was built on top of the New Yorks Worlds Fair Spanish Pavillion. The mayor of St. Louis was given the Spanish Pavillion at the 1964 N.Y.W.F. They took it apart, assembled it again and built it in St. Louis. The building now towers 20 stories.

Those that are flying in to St. Louis and come in at Lambert Field municipal airport, about 15-20 miles away from the hotels. You can always take an airport truck or passenger vehicle which goes back and forth.

Hope this has been good information for those members and friends which care to stay at another place, other than the convention hotel. Your best bet is to stay at the convention hotel, but its up to you and what you can afford. For more information write to these hotels, not to me as all I know is what was sent to me about these hotels. I hope it will help some.

ELONGATED COINS - - BUY - - TRADE - - SELL

WANTED: All LEGITIMATE elongated errors (mis-strikes, etc). Please send description and price to Richard Sharon, 31990 Aline Drive, Warren, Michigan 48093

FOR SALE: Souvenir card and envelope of the oldest fair in U.S. for 50¢ plus S.A.S.E. The elongated pennies 75¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. Write to Ray Wagner, Jr., P.O. Box 3417, York, PA. 17402.

FOR SALE: Lord's Prayer with a cross, 50¢ plus S.A.S.E. Write to George L. Wanzug, 4371 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, Mich. 48092

WANTED TO BUY: A 1972 TEC badge. Please write first to Lee J. Liska 721 Ojai Ave., Sun City Center, Florida, 33570. Also wanted price list of coins from those selling elongated coins.

FOR SALE: Three different Christmas elongated coins, 1976-1977-1978, at 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. Write to Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 144, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

FOR SALE: Elongated coin with the Empire State building on it, at 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. Write to Robert J. Dadson, 409 Eighth St. Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

FOR SALE: Elongated coins of the 30th anniversary of the Miami Coin Club. 50¢ each plus S.A.S.E. Write to Allan Kaplan, 3895 N.W. 5 St., Miami, Florida, 33126. Limited number of sets available from one cent to half dollar. Write for information about this.

FOR SALE: 44 different elongated coins at 50¢ for pennies, 75¢ for nickels, \$1. for Indian cent, and a \$1. for Mercury dimes. Write for price list of these coins which shows the pictures. Send S.A.S.E. to Frank Brazzell, 2224 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807.

FOR SALE: U.S.S. Ling 297 elongated coin at 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. Write to Jack H. Wilcox, Letter Carrier Route #287, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902.

THE PENNY STRETCHERS

by Peter LaGoo TEC #763
Ranier, Minnesota

Living in the "Ice Box of the Nation" is not as bad as some people may think. It gives one lots of time to stay indoors and indulge in their personal favorite pastime. Mine is collecting coins and in 1977, while on vacation in San Francisco I purchased my first elongated cent on Fisherman's Wharf. I was hooked on a new facet of coin collecting.

What impressed me was the simple operation that changed an ordinary penny into something entirely new and different. With just one crank of that big chrome handle a lasting souvenir of my trip to San Francisco was manufactured.

In the long cold winter of 1977-78, I decided that if I could get a rental space at the 1978 Minnesota State Fair I would buy my own "Pennystretcher" and move my family and myself to St. Paul, Minnesota for two weeks and give the people attending the Fair a new worthwhile and inexpensive souvenir.

It was a long hard struggle, but in the spring of 1978 I was granted a rental spot to ply my new found trade. That of a Penny-stretcher. Incidentally, this was the first time an elongated machine was at the Minnesota State Fair. So I was very anxious to get there.

The State Fair was a great learning experience, if not such a great money-maker. I will be back in 1979 with a new design and some new ideas about merchandising.

These designs were offered for sale at the Fair: the 1978 Minnesota State Fair, Voyageurs National Park with canoe, this park is the newest National Park in Northern Minnesota, and the last one was the old reliable Lord's Prayer. I have them available at the same price that they sold for at the Minnesota State Fair. The price is 50¢ each, or three for a \$1.00 plus S.A.S.E. As soon as I have any new designs available, I will send them to the editor to be put in the TEC NEWS. To buy these coins, please write to Peter LaGoo, Box 163, Ranier, Minnesota 56668.

In closing I wish to say that in my affiliation with the collectors of elongated cents or coins, I don't think I could find a more helpful and friendly group of people anywhere.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

If you have moved recently, please send us your correct address. This will save us time and money and you will receive your TEC NEWS on time. Sen your correct address to the Secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

Changed Your Address ???			
NAME _____			
NEW ADDRESS _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	
OLD ADDRESS _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	

THANKS TO ALL MY TEC FRIENDS

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

Well it is now starting a new year of 1979 and I hope all my TEC friends and members have a healthy year. I sure do want to thank all my friends that sent me a elongated coin for Christmas. They all were very nice. I sold a few of the different coins that I have left from other years. Its sure a great idea to sit down and try to draw a design on an envelope and think how nice it would look with a nice elongated coin. You could use these for holidays or shows. I know since I started one I love doing this. I have yet to learn a lot, but Sally Kirka sure gave me some nice ideas. So maybe this summer I'll try a few, as that is the way to learn.

It is nice to also write about your elongated collection and how we all got started in collecting elongated coins. I'd like to see more articles in our TEC NEWS. I know that I love to talk about my collection. My husbands nephew, who was from Puerto Rico said he had one home and when he goes home he will send me it. He said he might know someone else that has a few too.

I sure do like the Christmas PNC cover from Sally Kirka with a painted Christmas coin on it. I went to a flea market a few weeks ago and bought some pretty cheap from someone that wanted to get rid of them. So if you get a chance to go to a flea market, or a coin show, maybe you too can get a good deal.

Last week my husband and I went to a certain place at a shopping center where we met a fellow that had a real owl on a stand. I told him of how I was an owl collector. I gave him one of my elongated coins that had an owl on it and he sure thought it was very nice. He took my address just in case he ever decides to have some elongated coins made. This man was there at the Mall with some of his animals from a zoo. I was able to get a close look at the owl and had my picture taken standing right next to the owl and the owl was looking right at me. The fellow kept asking me more about the elongated coin and asked me could anything be put on a coin. I told him yes, so I hope he gets one made. He sure couldn't get over my coin, as thats the first one he had ever seen.

Since I saw that owl just sitting there, it gave me a new idea for a coin. I will start working on it now. Now that I know how to try and work out a nice P.N. Cover will see what I can do. I have a hard time cutting so will do a little practising during the year. I will never give up trying and I want to thank Sally Kirka for giving me an (A) for trying. So if you can't make one the first time, dont give up, try and work on the idea through out the year.

I called up Sally a few times and it sure was nice talking to her on the phone. I wish we didn't live so far away. It takes us about 2½ hours to get to her home by car. We always enjoyed our visits with her. She sure is a kind hearted president and I wish we could go to the A.N.A. this summer. But we really can't. We will miss seeing our TEC friends, but its just to far to drive. So all that are going, have a nice time at the TEC meeting. Hello to all close friends. So come on TEC members if we can't see each other at the convention lets visit each other with a nice article for the TEC NEWS.

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS MAY 10th - ARTICLES MAY 12th

I LIKE MY COVERS

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

My wife Sally has always been busy doing one thing or another. She will try just about anything just to see if she can do it. Even being sick as she was couldn't keep her down for long.

Since last July, Sally has been a very sick girl off and on and has been in and out of the hospital. Do you think being sick and told to be very quiet, could keep Sally down? As she went to the hospital she always wanted to take a lot of her home-work, as she calls it with her. There were always letters to write, or just work on some new idea Sally had on making some new idea on P.N.Covers for some elongated coin. Don't get me wrong, that Sally would just sit there doing that as she had to spend a lot of time in bed and they did take away her things more than once. Only try to keep her down for long.

When Sally came home from the hospital I made her a sort of a desk she could keep on her lap and go to town drawing, or writing letters. This not only kept her quiet, but she got a lot of her work done, working on the TEC NEWS. Most of all when Sally felt good, she sat for hours making, or should I say drawing ideas on envelopes.

As Sally received many get well cards from her friends she got some good ideas from them. It was like an owl card she received from Alice Penzes. In no time at all Sally drew her own idea and a few changes here and there and a new idea was born for a P.N.Cover. If I didn't see her draw these things, I wouldn't believe she did them. As it is Sally doesn't think they are that good and keeps on telling me I could do it if I gave it a try and maybe do it better.

Getting the different size envelopes for her ideas was something else. So it was either go look in all the stationery stores looking for envelopes, or go to a factory. As we looked around in one store we found a few size envelopes that she could use. Again she sat for hours drawing ideas until they suited her. Not all people care for P.N.Covers with elongated coins, but it doesn't bother Sally as she said, a hobby is what you make of it and she enjoys hers. Also all her covers that she has made have an elongated coin with it.

Now getting these covers cancelled is something else as Sally ends up doing them herself at the postoffice. At one postoffice the clerk was just about to do a few, when Sally said to him, "I hope I don't have to cry all the way home", So the man handed her the stamp and pad and told her to do it herself. So far she has done a good job, but it's sure easy to ruin one when you are cancelling them.

One week when Sally was quite sick, one of her friends wrote her about her coming birthday. It didn't take Sally long to come up with an idea for a Birthday Cover to be cancelled on her friends birthday. As I looked at the birthday cake that Sally drew on an envelope, then painted, even I wanted one for my collection. So I had to remind Sally that when she felt up to it that my birthday was coming too. She was way ahead of me and already had one made for me, as on my birthday she handed me my own cover.

Sally is no artist by no means or either are we saying that, only if you try you may also come up with some new ideas. As she told me once, with all the high prices on everything you can learn to do a lot of things you never thought you could do before. Also if your doctor informs you to slow down, what better way to do it, than to sit down and enjoy your hobby.

As for me, I'll leave all this to my wife as I still could never compete with her and I won't even try. As long as I also get one of everything she makes, I'll be happy.

"THEME COLLECTING IS FUN...TRY IT"by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
North Brunswick, N.J.

Writing articles really can take thoughtful reflection, especially when no interesting elongated events have taken place. My reflections bring to mind the fun and excitement of "Theme Collecting".

I have five favorite themes: Christmas, State of New Jersey, Postal, Space, and Ships. Having this wide variety to seek new elongated coin additions for help stimulates interest and new material turns up more often this way. Finding a nice issue by Frank Brazzell featuring a GONDOLA to add to the Ship theme is a good example. This is the Little Italy Festival, Clinton, Indiana issue.

Using the 60 pocket coin stock books to house each theme works out quite well I find. Filling the book takes time and will also depend on the theme you seek. My Christmas theme just over filled the third book and the Space theme is well into a second book. I have three pockets to go to fill the Ships book. The Postal and State of New Jersey theme are my special collecting area so are housed with tokens, medal, wood, etc, seperately.

The stock books are easy to store, light to handle and fun to try to fill with the elongated coin theme you select. Most coin dealers handle these books. If your theme subjects move along slowly, one book can perhaps handle two or three of your selections until you get lucky. The fun is finding new elongated coins. Using this method also helps with future display ideas, as the coins are handy.

Choosing a theme of course is up to the individual. Finding the elongated coins for the theme requires checking lists and if available the DOW BOOK and the 1974 "TODAY'S ELONGATEDS", by Lee Martin. With luck the new books will soon be published which we all need desperately. Naturally many collectors have no recourse to any elongated books, so finding lists from the various rollers is a must. A careful study of back issues of our TEC NEWS will prove helpful too. So write about the theme of your choice and ask for help via our TEC newsletter.

Notice the great bargain in A.A. ROSATO'S ad on the last page of the TEC NEWS. Here is a great start for anyone wishing to collect "People", "Storecards" or "Space", (I'm adding the Star Wars to my collection) also, this can be your first list if you haven't any now. Many theme ideas can be found in the elongated coin booklet free with your order.

Perhaps in the future TEC members interested in "theme collecting" can send a list of their interest in a section of the TEC NEWS. Here's an idea anyhow. Theme collecting is fun, why not try it?

Comparing notes with a collector with the same theme you seek will prove most helpful and trading information and elongated coins should be fun. Learn to make rubbings or foil impressions to compare your new additions. If for example you collect your home State no doubt there are several collectors waiting to share notes with you.

Don't forget to send your article in early, or as soon as you can. The next deadline for articles is May 12th, as we must have the July issue out a little ealier, as the A.N.A. Convention will be a month earlier too. So folks if you have a good article about elongated coins, why not send it in today! We will appreciate all the help you can give us and so will the TEC members.

A MEXICAN MAGICAL ELONGATED COIN

by Bill Kuethe TEC #538
Glen Burnie, MD.

Several years ago, a U.S. citizen living in Mexico City started his own magazine. His name is Craige Snader, and his hobby is magic, with emphasis on the recorded word. His magazine is called "Magic Sounds" and emphasizes magic-oriented tapes - recordings of interviews with leading magicians, recordings of magic shows and magic related radio shows. Also a few tapes that teach you how to do tricks that can be used by a magician in the course of a show.

Craige has two heroes, P.T. Barnum and Thomas A. Edison. Barnum because of his showmanship, and Edison because of the invention of the phonograph. Because of his interest in recorded sound, Craige decided he would like to do something to commemorate the centennial of recorded sound. He had seen the earlier elongated coins that I put out with a magical theme and asked me about the procedure for rolling out elongated coins. So I wasn't too surprised when early in 1978 he informed me that he had issued an elongated coin commemorating the invention of the phonograph.

The design of the elongated coin has "1877-1977" at the top, and immediately below that is the Magic Sounds logo, which is a microphone and part of a boom, with a top hat on the microphone and the words Magic and Sounds on either side of it. Below that is a drawing of the original phonograph of Edison's and under that is a facsimile signature; "Thos. A. Edison". In a curved line around the bottom half of the elongated coin are the words: "100 YEARS OF THE MAGIC OF RECORDED SOUND".

There were several varieties of the elongated coin rolled and to the best of my knowledge, these are the quantities rolled: U.S. 5¢ piece - 3, U.S. 1¢ 1977D - 10, U.S. 1¢ 1977 - 34, Mexican 5¢ gold plated - 10, Mexican 5¢ silver plated - 6, Mexican 5¢ - 138.

All of the Mexican coins were dated 1977 and the 138 Mexican 5¢ pieces were held aside to be used as a supplement to the magazine "Magic Sounds".

Because there were so few of the varieties rolled and the fact that these were snapped up eagerly by magic collectors, will make these elongated coins very difficult to find for the general elongated collectors. Whether or not there are other Mexican elongated coins I do not know, but I have been unable to find any record of any magic tokens from Mexico before this, so perhaps this is a double "first".

MEXICAN MAGIC ELONGATED COINS



U.S. 5¢
1 of 3



U.S. 1¢ 1977D
1 of 10



U.S. 1¢ 1977
1 of 34



Mexico 5¢
Gold Plated
1 of 10



Mexico 5¢
Silver Plated
1 of 6



Mexico 5¢
1 of 138

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Richard Coslet #767
Chesterton, Indiana

I have just received my first two issues of the TEC NEWS and had spent one night reading both issues. I find them most interesting and I'm sure glad that I responded to the article in Coin World about "The Elongated Collectors". As I just joined I appreciated these back issues.

My main interest for years has been Civil War Tokens and have collected them for many years. I now find collecting elongated coins can be very interesting too.

I guess I first got interested in elongated coins when I was going through some old junk boxes that I had saved throughout the years. I used to be very active in collecting coins, so had purchased different things from other collectors. I guess some of my early elongated coins were among my other things.

Since retiring and having a lot of time on my hands, I began going through some of my many things. To my surprise I found these five elongated coins in one of the boxes. As I haven't looked through these boxes in about fifteen years or more. So I know these elongated coins have to be at least that old. I don't have a book on elongated coins so do not have much information on them. Now I've decided to find out more about them.

The five elongated coins I found in these boxes are, St. Louis Worlds Fair on an 1904 Indian head penny, P.B.C. Concrete of St. Pete, Florida on a 1974 penny, Ford Exhibit of the 1934 Worlds Fair and a Lord's Prayer on a 1935 penny and one of the Golden Gate Bridge, which I can not make out the date on the coin.

I have already written to some of the people who had ads in the Coin World and have received the elongated coins already. I know absolutely nothing about these newer elongated coins and how they were rolled. I did notice that the older elongated coins such as my St. Louis coin, seem to be of much better quality, than the new ones I have received. Is the process of rolling coins different then, or are the newer rolling machines different from the older ones?

Anyhow I am now hooked on this hobby of elongated coins. Now when I visit the coin stores, I not only ask about Civil War Tokens, but also ask, do they have an elongated coin for sale? As I learn more about these elongated coins I hope I can write more about this new hobby of mine.

NOTICE

At this writing I still don't know if TEC will be able to have a Merit Award coin this year. I asked for some ideas, but none were given, so I will try to work something out. Have one idea in mind, but as yet I don't know if it can be done. If it can, I will see how the officers like the idea. If this can't be done, then we will have to do without it for this year. It's not so easy for a dealer to roll out halves and this is what we want. If you have a good idea, lets hear of it. Also if someone cares to donate this special coin, let me know at once. The coin must be made by July.

In the meantime you can send in your nominations for a member who has done something outstanding for TEC during the year 1978. Send in your nominations to President Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. In all these past years this coin was always donated to TEC for this purpose, to give a Merit Award.

ENJOYING THE ELONGATED HOBBY

by Chuck Warnstedt TEC #775
Chicago, Illinois

Wow, I feel like a fish! What I really mean is, I've been hooked, hooked on elongated coins. I've had dozens of other hobbies in my 57 years, but I can't recall the interest, the enthusiasm and the pleasure I've had since I've started to collect the elongated coins about a year ago.

As a young boy living in Chicago I was able to attend the Century of Progress and can vividly recall the different villages that gave out those "flattened out pennies" as some of us kids called them in those days. I wish I had the foresight then to save those elongated coins, but like the many others who had them at the time of issue we kept them probably only for a few weeks or a few months and they somehow vanished. They then were forgotten as other events started to take their place as our childhood continued.

As stated, I'm now 57 years of age and here I am once again very thrilled by the "flattened out pennies".

In the past twelve months or so, my elongated coin collection has grown from the first two (which I obtained at a coin club auction rather very cheap as I think only one other person bid against me), to over a hundred different ones.

Now I find myself trading them, bidding for them when ever they are on our auction list, at the local coin shop or at the coin club I attend locally. I also visit more bourse tables at coin shows and use the mail to obtain the other elongated coins.

Yes, I'm "hooked" on elongated coins, but now that I've joined "The Elongated Collectors" I feel I'm in the same water with the best of them, "The Elongated Collectors" of America. Happy collecting to all

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by M.A. Richardson TEC #645
Indianola, Miss.

Having been in your shoes as an editor (publisher-owner) makes it easy for me to sympathize with your earnest pleas for articles to fill the columns of the TEC NEWS, thus giving it a diversification of ideas and thoughts to make it more interesting.

We attended the meetings in Los Angeles and Houston in other years and hope to be at the St. Louis meeting comes next August. I say "hope" because at my age, ones contemplations don't extend too far into the future for the reason that fickle fate has a penchant for frustrating not only the best laid plans on mice, but of men as well, so I use the word "hope" in lieu of "plan."

In Los Angeles I had the oldest of my three grand-daughters; in Houston, I had the youngest and if I reach St. Louis, the one in the middle will be with me.

Instead of merely sitting around nursing an erratic heart and hoping for a complete recovery from recent surgery, I figured the time could just as easily be spent helping the editor fill a bit of space, so here you are.

I still buy all the new elongated coins that Elmer Anderson of Pontiac Press has to offer, along with those of Chester Rogers and others. I miss the House of Elongateds out in Beaumont, California. I used to buy all his new coins each time he sent a brochure. Coin World doesn't seem too enthusiastic about Elongateds.

Mentioning Elmer Anderson reminds me that Harold Anderson formerly of Cairo, Michigan and now of Florida, is another distinguished member of the Elongated clientele. Then I add the fact that I exchange visits with the James Anderson's of Houston, Texas and this seems a bit like a big family, because my immediate forbears were Anderson's. They migrated from the Carolinas into Louisiana thence up into this flat Delta country.

Believe this writer is unique in being the only Mississippian belonging to the great organization known as T.E.C.

This winter hasn't been too bad on us, no snow, except a few flakes, none of which accumulated on the ground. It was very cold for us for several weeks now, but then it's supposed to be cold in December, January and February. What has been rough on us is that we haven't had the usual let-ups, meaning that we generally have a week of cold, then it will warm up to 40, 50, or even 60.

I missed the New York meeting because I was afraid of the weather up there. I had gone the other way when the Atlanta meeting took place, having already been in Atlanta the year before. Good bye to all the collectors.

If you're sending in a donation of your elongated coins to the American Numismatic Association Museum for the TEC showcase, please send all elongated coins to this address, American Numismatic Association, c/o Ken Hallenback, Museum Curator, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901. Please do not send the coins to me or I will return them to you. They must be sent by you to the A.N.A. They will acknowledge that they received your coins. The A.N.A. is in charge of the showcase and the elongated coins sent to them. No coins will be returned, so remember you must donate the coins for the TEC showcase at the A.N.A. Museum.

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